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SUBJ: MARINE MAMMAL PROTECTION ACT OF 1972: REQUEST FOR
INFORMATION ON STATUS OF MARINE MAMMALS

REF: STATE 114904 AND GUAYAQUIL 838

1. DR. MARIO COBO CEDENO, SENIOR OFFICIAL IN CHARGE OF NATIONAL
INSTITUTE OF FISHERIES, CONFIRMS CONGEN NO GOE AGENCY IN POSITION
TO FURNISH INFORMATION REQUESTED BY REF DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM OTHER
THAN THAT PERTAINING TO NAMES OF MARINE MAMMAL SPECIES ENDEMIC
TO GALAPAGOS ISLANDS.

2. ACCORDING TO DR. COBO, SUCH SPECIES ARE "LOBOS MARINOS" (SEA
LIONS, ZALOPHUS WOLLEBAECKI) AND "FOCAS" OR "LOBOS DE DOS PELOS"
(TWO-HAIRED SEALS, ARCTOCEPHALUS GALAPAGOENSIS). SINCE NO CEN-
SUS OF THE SPECIES SEEMS TO HAVE EVER BEEN CONDUCTED, NO GOE
AGENCY IS IN POSITION TO VENTURE POPULATION FIGURES EVEN
APPROXIMATE.

3. WHALES, CACHALOTS, AND DOLPHINS, ALSO NATIVE TO ISLANDS.
POPULATION FIGURES LIKEWISE NOT ESTIMATED, BUT BELIEVED TO
BE NEGLIGIBLE.

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